

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Elmer W. Baltzer was born on December 28, 1915, to Wilhelm and Louisa Baltzer in a sod house in Hutchinson County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Elmer joined the United States Army in June 1941 and served his country in the Philippines until January 1946. He is a faithful and dedicated member of the Scotland Veterans of Foreign Wars; and,

Whereas, Elmer was united in marriage to Lorraine Guthmiller on December 29, 1946, in Parker, South Dakota, and to this union six children were born: Dale, Terry, Kathy, Peggy, James and Jerry, who in turn blessed them with eight grandchildren, one great-grandson and two step great-grandsons; and,

Whereas, Elmer began farming in the spring of 1947 near Tripp in rural Hutchinson County and retired from his lifelong career in 1985; and,

Whereas, Elmer enjoys furniture repair and refinishing, playing pinochle and is widely known for his famous dill pickles and home canning abilities; and,

Whereas, Elmer is a member of the Scotland United Church of Christ and currently resides in Scotland, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, It is only fitting that Elmer celebrate his 90th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on December 30, 2005, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day and for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 28, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State